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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Alfredo Li Preti
Serial No.: 10/781,411
Group Art Unit: 1722
Examiner: Emmanuel S. Luk
Filed: 2/18/2004
Title: SELF-CLEANING MOLD VALVE WITH AIR INJECTION SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on November 18, 2005. Please consider the following comments.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nennecker* in view of *Csongor*. The Examiner contends that *Csongor* teaches an injection molding apparatus having a gas introduction system. The Examiner argues that it would have been obvious to provide the plunger of *Nennecker* with the gas introduction system of *Csongor* to allow gas injection into the mold. Applicant respectfully disagrees, as *Nennecker* already includes injection nozzles (24) for the introduction and mixing of materials within the chamber (26).